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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 97-056-10]

Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Quarantined Areas; Clarification

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rules; clarification.

SUMMARY: This document clarifies the status of amendments contained in two interim rules effective the same day. In an interim rule effective April 17, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on April 22, 1998 (63 FR 19797-19798, Docket No. 97-056-9), we amended the Mediterranean fruit fly regulations by removing the quarantined area in Hillsborough County, FL, from the list of quarantined areas. Also, in an interim rule effective April 17, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 1998 (63 FR 20053-20054, Docket No. 98-046-1), we amended the Mediterranean fruit fly regulations by adding a portion of Dade County, FL, to the list of quarantined areas and restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles from the quarantined area.

DATES: Effective April 17, 1998, the only area quarantined for the Mediterranean fruit fly in the continental United States is a portion of Dade County, FL.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 22, 1998, we published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 19797-19798, Docket No. 97-056-9) an interim rule that amended the Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) regulations by removing the quarantined area in Hillsborough County, FL, from the list of quarantined areas. Also, on April 23, 1998, we published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 20053-20054, Docket No. 98-046-1) another interim rule that amended the Medfly regulations by adding a portion of Dade County, FL, to the list of quarantined areas and restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles from the quarantined area. Both the dockets were signed and became effective on April 17, 1998.

In the interim rule that removed Hillsborough County, FL, from the list of quarantined areas, we inadvertently failed to delete the statement saying that, as a result of this action, there were no longer any areas in the continental United States quarantined because of Medfly. While this would have been true if no additional Medflies had been found, because of the finding of Medfly in Dade County, FL, that statement was incorrect at the time the docket was signed. The interim rule that added Dade County, FL, to the list of areas quarantined because of the Medfly quarantined a described area of Dade County, FL.

The purpose of this notice is to clarify our Medfly quarantine regulations. Effective April 17, 1998, the only area quarantined for the Medfly in the continental United States is a portion of Dade County, FL.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 147a, 150bb, 150dd, 150ee, 150ff, 161, 162, and 164-167; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of April 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 97-100-2]

Pine Shoot Beetle; Quarantined Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting as a final rule, with one change, an interim rule that amended the pine shoot beetle regulations by adding 78 counties in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin to the list of quarantined areas. The interim rule was necessary to prevent the spread of the pine shoot beetle, a pest of pine products, into noninfested areas of the United States. This final rule makes one change to the map of regulated counties that appeared in the interim rule to add a county that mistakenly was not included on the map.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 7, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In an interim rule effective on December 3, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 1997 (62 FR 64677-64680, Docket No. 97-100-1), we amended the pine shoot beetle regulations in 7 CFR part 301 by adding 78 counties in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin to the list of quarantined areas in § 301.50-3(c).

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before February 9, 1998. We did not receive any comments.

We are making one change to the interim rule to correct an error. The